Kenneth N. Oliver District 4 News

MAY 2013

News & Views from around your community



Greetings!

We've been busy around our district this spring at cultural, business, community, government and planning events - working hard to support the community and get you the information you need.

Don't forget as the weather warms, there are many recreational and cultural amenities to enjoy in the Fourth District. Check out the new guidebook, "Best Easy Day Hikes: Baltimore." It features great

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places to take a walk and enjoy nature – right here in Baltimore County and our district – including at Soldiers Delight and Irvine Nature Center. The guide book is

available at county library branches. Don't forget the Red Run Valley Stream Trail (<u>Click here for an overview</u>), which now connects to Soldiers Delight trails.

Speaking of recreation, inside you'll find our Liberty Road Baseball Opening Day event, and a planning office symposium on creating more walkable, compact development in the county. And keep your eye out for upcoming literary library events, such as the Poe event at Randallstown library, and the BCPL Summer Reading Club kicking off soon at all branches.

I've been out and about in the community, including at meetings on a proposed Royal Farm store on Liberty Road and the installation of new BGE smart meters around the district. We're also hard at work on the county's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget, and other important legislation, such as the new state-mandated stormwater management fees. *Click here for Q&A on stormwater legislation*.

If you need to reach my office, give us a call at (410) 887-3389, or send us an email at council4@baltimorecountymd.gov. We are here to serve you. Thanks again for the opportunity to continue working for you.

Best regards,

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County Council considering Fiscal Year 2014 Budget

The County Council was presented with the Fiscal 2014 Budget Message by the county executive in council chambers on Monday, April 15. The \$2.8 billion operating budget and \$339 million capital budget include a \$1.31 billion Board of Education operating budget – more than 50 percent of the county's total operating budget. The budget represents a less than 3 percent increase to the General Fund operating budget over

2013, while including a \$200 million appropriation for capital improvements for schools.

"Our budget focuses on three important areas: schools, infrastructure, and public safety. Those are our top priorities, so that's where the bulk of our money goes," Councilman Oliver said.

For the full Fiscal Year 2014 County Council Budget Schedule, go to: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/countycouncil/schedule.html

Baltimore County Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Highlights:

- \$2.8 billion operating budget
- \$339 million capital budget
- No property tax rate increase for 25th year in a row
- No income tax rate increase for 21st year in a row
- \$200 million in capital improvements for schools, including 700 new elementary seats in Owings Mills, and \$4 million of a \$15 million multi-year wireless infrastructure plan to upgrade all schools.
- \$1.3 million to fund full-time Advance Path credit recovery programs at Woodlawn High School and three other high schools.
- Funding to add six police officers so all middle and high schools have full-time police presence.
- Funding for full staffing of the new Owings Mills CCBC in the County Campus at the Metro Centre.
- Upgrades will provide air conditioning for 26,000 more students in county schools.
- \$5.4 million in roof replacements, including at Scotts Branch Elementary School.
- \$192 million, a \$4 million increase over FY 2013, for county police budget
- \$91 million fire department budget includes \$7 million in grants and in-kind for volunteers
- 22 percent increase in emergency social services funds to help people avoid evictions, utility turnoffs, and help with emergency medical expenses.

The FY2014 Budget
"provides funding for
full staffing of the
Owings Mills campus
of CCBC in the County
Campus in Metro
Centre at Owings
Mills"

Check out what's happening around the 4th District

 Come get your Poe on! Join the Friends of the Randallstown Library for their annual meeting, Tuesday, May 28, at 7 p.m., for

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"The Mysterious Death of Edgar Allan Poe," with Pratt Library's Jeff Korman. All ages welcome, children under 8 with an adult.

Refreshments provided. For more info on the program, or joining the Friends group, call 410-887-0770.

• Farmers Markets return this summer to the 4th District, where you can pick up fresh and specialty items from area farmers and



businesses.

Randallstown

Farmers Market,
Liberty Court
Shopping Center,

June 12 - Oct. 9, Weds., 1-5 p.m. Contact Kelly Carter at 410-655-7766. (*Click here for more farmers market listings from the Maryland Department of Tourism.*)

 It's Prom Season! Check out the Safe & Sober Prom Guide: http://bit.ly/ZRVnII

- It's Graduation Time! For a full schedule of high school graduation ceremonies, go to: www.bcps.org/system/pdf/Excel-Grad.pdf
- Jesus House, 7710 Windsor Mill Road, is holding its monthly Food Pantry, Sat., May 4, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., for homeless shelters and resource restrained individuals who need extra help to pick up a bag of nonperishable food items. A Health Fair is set for Sat., May 11, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. For more info: www.jesushousebaltimore.org
- Owings Mills Library events: 410-887-2092
 Baby Story Time, Thursday, May 16, 9:30 a.m., infants to 23 months with adult, registration required. Preschool Story Time, Thursday, May 16, 10:30 and 11 a.m., 2-5 years old with adult.
- Randallstown Library events: 410-887-0770
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 a.m., 2-5 years with adult. "Baby Story Time,"
 May 15, 11 a.m., ages to 23 months with adult, registration required. "Intro to Microsoft Word," Sat., May 18, 9 a.m., registration.
- Woodlawn Library events: 410-887-1336 "Fun with Language," Fri., May 3, 11 a.m., Better Speech and Hearing Month, ages 2-5 with adult. "Paws to Read," Sat., May 18, 10 a.m. Ages 6-12, 6-7 with adult, registration required.

For Summer Reading Club info see page 6.
For more events and info, www.bcpl.info (3)

Spring finally sprung!

Spring officially arrived in the Fourth District on a bright and sunny Saturday, April 22, for **Liberty Road Baseball Opening Day** with a parade, games, food and fun at Northwest Regional Park.

The parade kicked off at Deer Park Middle



Magnet School with the N-Full Motion Marching Stallions Band leading the way. Councilman Oliver was the keynote speaker. Sponsors included Liberty Road rec council, Tevis Oil and Heritage Auto. Liberty Road firefighters brought an engine, and at the park there was a display by the Hubert V. Simmons Negro Leagues Baseball Museum of Maryland. (www.nlbmminc.org).



Surprise guest, Ravens star Torrey Smith, greeted kids and parents alike! For more info go to: www.libertyroadrecreation.com

More Spotlight on the 4th...

Northwest corridor women rocked the house at Northwest Hospital's Day of Dance, which offered women heart-healthy drumming, Jazzercise, food, wine and lots of helpful health information and risk



assessments, including the warning signs of heart disease and stroke – that can be different for women than men. For more health events: lifebridgehealth.org/Main/CommunityCalendar.aspx

Councilman Oliver joined local and state lawmakers in Annapolis on the final day of the Maryland General Assembly session to catch up, commune, make connections, and participate in a celebration of Maryland's diverse political landscape. State legislators, including from the northwest corridor's 10th and 11th Districts had a

chance to chat about the 2013 session, which included bills on medical marijuana, gun control, veterans' employment and more.

www.mlis.state.
md.us



More Spotlight on the 4th...



Owings Mills Corporate Roundtable members gathered at Groveton Green Apartments, where attendees got an update from county police and fire officials, networked, and toured the complex.

Officer Daniel Krueger, of Precinct 3 Franklin, said crime is down in all categories, except burglaries are up by three percent. Krueger said the county attributes some crime drops to targeted policing, and high-tech police gear, such as computer license-plate recognition cameras and software that capture license info as cruisers are driving. He noted that, contrary to perceptions, crime is "pretty rare now" in the Owings Mills Metro area.

Representatives from the county's professional and volunteer fire companies presented information on the county's combined fire service, which unlike many jurisdictions, does not bill residents for service. Wayne Trump of Owings Mills Volunteer Fire Co., said the 92-year-old organization responded to more than 2,200 fire and EMS calls in 2012. He urged businesses and residents to "get on board" supporting volunteer companies that mostly support themselves through fundraising. A **Safety Day** is set at the station, 10401 Owings Mills Blvd., on **May 5**, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For more info or to donate, go to www.omfire.org.

A Town Hall discussion on Health Disparities is set for the Randallstown Library, 8604 Liberty Rd., Monday, May 13, 6:30-8 p.m. with Gregory Wm. Branch, county health department director. Light refreshments. For more info, call 410-887-3422.

Reisterstown residents and business owners gathered recently with county officials at Reter's Crab House and Grille on Main Street for the weekly Monday morning meeting of the Main Street Committee, which is working toward Maryland Main Street designation for the area.



Members discussed a Main Street site survey, a May 4 Main Street Clean-up day, and the annual Bloomin' ArtFest set for May 11 at Franklin Middle School, among other initiatives.

www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/planning/neighborhoodresponse/reisterstown/meetings.html



"Harriet's Return," starring Karen Jones Meadows, celebrating the life and times of Harriet Tubman, was a sellout hit at the Randallstown Community Center on April 5.

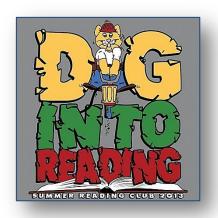
Jasmine Wise, was overall winner at the

county's **39th Annual Career and Technology Education Student Recognition Reception**,
receiving \$3,000 in scholarships for academic and technical achievement as a business management and finance student at Milford Mill Academy.

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BCPL Summer Reading Club helps build summer smarts



Ready to "Dig Into Reading?" That's the theme for this year's elementary school age and younger BCPL Summer Reading Club, and for middle school ages and up it's "Beneath the Surface." The overall theme, if you haven't guessed yet, is underground, which encompasses caves, fossils, hidden treasure, time capsules, gardening, rocks and the subway just to name a few. This summer, county libraries will offer a variety of exciting programs themed: The Fossil Guy and Dig Those Dinosaurs!

Pre-registration opens May 6 and you can sign up online at www.bcpl.info/summerreading or at your local branch. Club materials will be available for pick-up at branches beginning Monday, June 17.

Summer Reading Club is an important part of preventing "summer reading loss," which occurs when students fail to read over the summer

resulting in a loss of the reading skills they've acquired over the past school year. Reading just four to five books over the summer months can contribute significantly to the retention of reading abilities necessary to advance in the following academic year.

Here's how it works: Elementary age and younger participants will receive a game board with 16 activities or spaces. Each time they complete four activities or read four books, they can go to their local branch and get a sticker, and when they complete all 16 activities, they can choose a completion prize. This year, BCPL has a variety of books for the birth to 5-year-old age range, and the elementary age participants can choose from four fabulous prizes: a pirate-themed beach ball, a monster projection pen, an LED glow wand or a light-up spinning top. For middle school ages, participants read books and fill out raffle slips indicating which of several raffles they would like to enter. There are several raffle prizes available to win, including gift cards from Best Buy, AMC Theaters and Target, an iPod shuffle and other prizes.

Children who are not yet old enough to read can still participate. The Read-to-Me Summer Reading Club is for children up to age 5. This will also be the third year of our Goodreads high school and adult program. More information about that program can be found at: www.bcpl.info/goodreads.

Last year, BCPL broke records with 48,539 participants, and they're hoping to surpass that record this year. Are you ready to "Dig Into Reading?" Read books — win prizes! Sign up at your local branch or register online at www.bcpl.info/summerreading. — Josh McCready — BCPL



Planning Office holds symposium on walkable urban development



The county hosted urban planners, developers and national "smart growth" experts, Lee Sobel and Christopher Coes, at a recent county symposium on "Smart Growth and Economic Success." The presentation was hosted by the county's Department of Planning.

Sobel and Coes made presentations and discussed smart growth developments designed to be more attractive and economically stronger, while protecting natural resources. According to a county news release: "Smart growth communities generally include a compact mix of residential, retail and employment land uses designed to be accessible not only by driving but also by walking, bicycling or via transit. As part of his research, Sobel found that homes in smart growth developments have greater resale value than those in more conventional suburban communities. Across the

county, the trend toward these compact, communities is growing, not only because more people want to live a more sustainable lifestyle, but also because it makes economic sense."

Sobel is a real estate development and finance analyst at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Sustainable Communities. Coes is the Managing Director for LOCUS, a network of real estate developers and investors who advocate for sustainable, walkable development.

The presentation, part of a county Planning Board meeting, can also be viewed through May 2 on BCTV Comcast Channel 25, Mondays at 9:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

COMPETING IN A CHANGING DEMOGRAPHIC CONTEXT

Research by Professor Arthur C. Nelson, University of Utah

- By 2025 only about one-fourth of all households in the U.S. will have children in them and nearly 30 percent will contain only one person
- The U.S. will add 32 million households from 2000 to 2025, but only 4 million will have children, while one-person households will make up 34 percent of the growth
- More people are turning 65 each year than ever before, with one million people reaching that age in 2012 and two million projected in 2025
- Demand for new homes through 2025 may be almost exclusively for multifamily, attached, and small-lot single-family detached homes
- Over half of development on the ground in 2025 will not have existed in 2000

County Council Roundup:

Baltimore County Council's legislative April/May schedule:

 MONTH
 MEETING DATE
 WORK SESSION

 MAY/APRIL
 5-06-13
 4-30-13

 5-23-13 (Budget Adoption)
 5-14-13

Pending Legislation Includes:

The following Bills, in PDF format, were introduced by the County Council at its April 15, 2013 meeting. Final Reading and Vote will occur at the Legislative Session on Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 10 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Bill 26-13 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Baltimore County

Bill 27-13 Property Tax

The following Bills, in PDF format, were introduced by the County Council at its April 15, 2013 meeting. These Bills will be discussed at the May 14, 2013 Work Session at 2 p.m. Final Reading and Vote will occur at the Legislative Session on Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 10 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

<u>Bill 28-13</u> Employees Retirement System - Pay Schedule VII Employees

<u>Bill 29-13</u> Employee Relations Act - Dues for Pay Schedules I and I-C

Employees

Bill 30-13 Self Insurance Fund - Board of Education & CCBC

Bill 31-13 Local Open Space Waiver Fees

Come out and watch your
County Council in action

Baltimore County Council meetings are open to the public and scheduled every first and third Monday at 6 pm., except holidays. For more details and updates, go to baltimorecountymd.gov.

The following Bills, in PDF format, were introduced by the County Council at its April 1, 2013 meeting. These Bills were discussed at the April 30 Work Session. Final Reading and Vote will occur at the Legislative Session, Monday, May 6, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Bill 23-13 CEB - Launching Individual Futures Together (LIFT)

Bill 24-13 Basic Services Maps

Bill 25-13 Zoning Regulations - Signs

The following Resolution, in PDF format, will be discussed at the May 14, 2013 Work Session at 2 p.m. Final Reading and Vote will occur at the Legislative Session on Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 10 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Resolution 30-13 Review of PUD - Enterprise Housing Corporation/Pax-Edwards, LLC - Hollins Place

The following Resolutions, in PDF format, were discussed at the April 30 Work Session. Final Reading and Vote will occur at the Legislative Session on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

<u>Resolution 31-13</u> Property Tax Credit - Bowerman-Loreley Beach Community Association, Inc.

Resolution 32-13 Metropolitan District Ext. - West side of Pot Spring Road south of Old Bosley Rd.

Resolution 33-13 Property Tax Exemption - DAV - Steven R. Heinlein

Resolution 34-13 Property Tax Exemption - DAV - James W. Grierson



Baltimore County Resources

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY- CALL 911 Snow/Storm- 410-887-3560 Other Non-Emergency Concerns- 410-887-2222

Employment/Jobs/Business

- Liberty Center employment/job training
 3637 Offutt Road, 410-887-8912, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/jobtraining
- Liberty Road Business Association business group 9405 Liberty Road, 410-655-7766, www.lrba.biz
- Jobs with Baltimore County www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/humanresources/jobs

Health Services

- Liberty Resource Center county health services
 3525 Resource Drive, 410-887-0600, baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/health/healthservices
- Woodlawn Health Center county health services

 1811 Woodlawn Drive, 410-887-1332, <u>baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/health/healthservices</u>

Library branches

- Randallstown Library books, computers, events and more 8604 Liberty Road, 410-887-0770, <u>www.bcpl.info/hours-locations/randallstown</u>
- Owings Mills Library books, computers, events and more
 Metro Centre at Owings Mills, 410-887-2092, www.bcpl.info/hours-locations/owings-mills
- Woodlawn Library books, computers, events and more
 1811 Woodlawn Drive, 410-887-1336, www.bcpl.info/hours-locations/woodlawn

Mediation

• Baltimore County Conflict Resolution Center – conflict resolution services 410-663-7070, www.CRCbaltimoreCounty.org

Recreation – www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/recreation

- Liberty Road Recreation Council sports and recreation activities Milford Mill Academy, 3800 Washington Ave., 410-887-0700
- Northwest Regional Park sports fields, pavilions, playground, trails 4515 Deer Park Road, 410-887-1582,
- Owings Mills Recreation Council sports and recreation activities
 New Town High, 4931 New Town Boulevard, 410-887-1582
- Randallstown Community Center rec council sports, fitness, arts, meetings 3505 Resource Drive, 410-887-0698
- Randallstown Y Aquatics Center Y of Maryland pool and classes 3505 Resource Drive, 410-496-4272
- Woodlawn Community Center rec council, senior and community activities 2120 Gwynn Oak Ave, 410-887-1357

Seniors

- Liberty Senior Center senior services and activities
 3525 Resource Drive, 410-887-0780, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/aging/centers
- Woodlawn Senior Center senior services and activities
 2120 Gwynn Oak Avenue, 410-887-6887, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/aging/centers
- For more information go to <u>www.baltimorecountymd.gov</u>

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